

**MINUTES – SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET &
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 8, 2023 6:30 pm**

Regular Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Braman, Trustee Feirick, Trustee Glynn

Public comment

Approval of Agenda

Open Public hearing on Budget 7:37 pm – no comments from public present

Close Public hearing on Budget 7:38 pm

Approval of Minutes and Bills/Claims as Consent Agenda

Kuriata/Feirick

1-Approval of minutes from last meeting

2-Approval of monthly Bills and Claims

Motion passed by Roll Call Vote: Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Braman, Trustee Feirick, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata

Informational Reports to the Board

Communications

Cass County Road Commission-2023 Road Improvement Project – To meet 3/14/23

Health and Safety

Ambulance-7 priority one calls with average response time 13:41, 9 priority two calls with average response time 15:45, 16 total calls with average response time of 14:51.

Indian Lake VFD – 4/9 calls

Police – 66 hours; 3 weekends; CCSO is hiring.

Sister Lakes VFD – 9 calls with an average response time of 11:06

Building/Zoning Permits

5 Building-0 Demo-6 Electrical-10 Mechanical -7 Plumbing –5 Zoning - Spec Inv-7 Blight

Trial balances – General Fund: \$881,226.65 Indian Lake Sewer: \$550,707.30

Government Lake Board – Expecting to meet the first week in May

Parks & Recreation – Meeting April 18, 2023 at City Hall

Planning Commission – Met February 22nd. Discussed short term rentals and Master Plan, zoning change procedure

Sewer - Indian Lake & SLAUA

Zoning Appeals Board

Discussion/updates

Property 29750 M-152 – will return to original zoning

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ARPA - Received preliminary amount of \$75,000 to fix Red Mill / Brosnan culvert and will get additional information from road commission.

Blight grant secured for property clean up – Helps offset some of the costs it took to clean up property on M 51 N.

Clean up days – Still waiting to get pricing from Orchard Hill Land Fill.

MEC Robin Grant – Cass County Commissioner Ryan Laylin – The county was approved by Midwest Energy; they are pursuing a grant through the state for a \$2.8 billion fiber internet expansion. The township share would be \$85,000.

MOTIONS:

<p>Motion for Treasurer and Clerk to use one set of QuickBooks, as approved by CPA (Clerk’s QuickBooks), to be more efficient and promote best practices. Motion passed by Roll Call Vote: Yes (5): Supervisor Braman, Trustee Feirick, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke No (0): None</p>	<p><i>Braman/Behnke</i></p>
<p>Motion to approve R23-09 Trustee Salary Motion passed by Roll Call Vote: Yes (3): Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Braman No (0): None Abstain (2): Trustee Feirick, Trustee Glynn</p>	<p><i>Behnke/Kuriata</i></p>
<p>Motion to approve R23-06 Supervisor Salary Motion passed by Roll Call Vote: Yes (4): Trustee Feirick, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke No (0): None Abstain (1): Supervisor Braman</p>	<p><i>Kuriata/Behnke</i></p>
<p>Motion to approve R23-08 Clerk Salary Motion passed by Roll Call Vote: Yes (4): Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata, Supervisor Braman, Trustee Feirick No (0): None Abstain (1): Clerk Behnke</p>	<p><i>Glynn/Kuriata</i></p>
<p>Motion to approve R23-07 Treasurer Salary Motion passed by Roll Call Vote: Yes (4): Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Braman, Trustee Feirick, Trustee Glynn No (0): None Abstain (1): Treasurer Kuriata</p>	<p><i>Feirick/Behnke</i></p>

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Motion to approve R22-10 General Appropriations Resolution Motion passed by Roll Call Vote: Yes (5): Supervisor Braman, Trustee Feirick, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke No (0): None	<i>Braman/Behnke</i>
Motion to approve R23-05, conditional rezoning of parcel #14-130-002-017-10 (29750 M 152, Dowagiac) back to original zoning. Motion passed by voice vote: Aye-5, Naye-0	<i>Behnke/Glynn</i>
Motion to approve the purchase of BS&A software for township and supervisor to sign. Motion passed by Roll Call Vote: Yes (5): Trustee Feirick, Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Braman No (0): None	<i>Kuriata/Behnke</i>
Motion to approve a grant writer up to 10% the amount of the grant they obtain for the township. Motion passed by Roll Call Vote: Yes (5): Trustee Glynn, Treasurer Kuriata, Clerk Behnke, Supervisor Braman, Trustee Feirick	<i>Braman/Feirick</i>
Motion to instruct legal council to draft a letter to the Right to Farm Act stating Silver Creek Township is not in favor of granting a GAAMPS application for the proposed property. Amended motion to contact attorney for options on the proposed GAAMPS application on Bakeman Road. Motion passed by voice vote: Aye-5, Naye-0	<i>Glynn/Kuriata</i> <i>Glynn/Kuriata</i>

Public Comment

Motion to Adjourn Braman/Kuriata, 8:32 pm

Typed 3/9/23

To be approved at April 12, 2023 meeting

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